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*ANTICHLORIS ERIPHIA* FAB.  
(LEPIDOPTERA : CTENUCHIDAE),  
FIRST RECORD FOR BRITAIN

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On 6th February 1985 Mrs. F. Gardner of Queniborough, Leicester brought in to the New Walk Museum, Leicester, a living specimen of a black and green moth, similar in shape and appearance to a burnet moth. A bunch of bananas had been purchased by Mrs. Gardner on the 1st February from Leicester Market. The moth had emerged from a yellow fibrous cocoon which was still attached to one of the bananas.

I established that the moth belonged to the family Ctenuchidae, and then sent it to the British Museum (Natural History) for specific determination. Mr. D. J. Carter kindly identified it as *Antichloris eriphia* Fab. The similar *A. viridis* Druce is a relatively common import to Britain amongst banana consignments and hence is listed by Bradley and Fletcher, 1979. This is the first known occurrence of *A. eriphia* in this country. Other specimens in collections may have been mis-identified in the past as *A. viridis*. This may be checked by reference to the characteristic pointed shape of the hind wing in *A. eriphia*.

*A. eriphia* has a fairly widespread distribution across tropical South America and other specimens could easily be imported to Britain accidentally. This particular specimen (and its freeze-dried cocoon and banana) are now held in the collections of Leicestershire Museums, accession number Z63.1985.1 and .2.

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